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Mid-Year Report from



Congressman **Tom Feeney**

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Sen. John McCain and Rep. Tom Feeney (Center) meet with military personnel on hand for the demonstration of military modeling and simulation equipment.

Dear Friend:

It is a great honor and privilege to represent you in the United States House of Representatives. I am committed to keeping the people of the 24th Congressional District informed about what I am doing in Washington and around the 24th District. This report is designed to update you about the key developments so far this year. I am in Congress to represent you, and I hope you will share your thoughts and concerns with me. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Feeney".

Tom Feeney

Member of Congress
24th District, Florida



Washington Report

An update on important legislation

The House of Representatives remains focused on the priorities of everyday Americans. In the first six months of the 109th Congress we aggressively advanced a wide range of important legislation to meet your needs.



Energy Policy Act of 2005 (H.R. 6)

Passed House

This comprehensive energy policy will help lower gasoline costs, decrease America's dependence on foreign oil, promote alternative fuel, and make energy more affordable for consumers.



Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005 (H.R. 8)

Passed House

This permanent repeal of the Death Tax ends an unjust and unfair tax that drives millions of small businesses and family farms out of business.



Transportation Equity Act (H.R. 3)

In Conference

Provides new funding for federal highways to improve infrastructure, increase efficiency and reduce congestion.



Class Action Fairness Act (S. 5)

Became Law

This common sense plan addresses one of the most serious forms of lawsuit abuse by allowing larger interstate class action cases to be heard in federal court and preventing trial lawyers from harassing local businesses by shopping for friendly judges.



Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention Act (S. 256)

Became Law

A reform of the bankruptcy system to safeguard the practice from those looking to cheat or defraud the system and to ensure this option is still available to those truly in need.



Job Training Improvement Act (H.R. 27)

Passed House

This commitment to creating an environment of job growth will aid job seekers by improving access to training and other services and help equip workers for emerging employment opportunities.



Fiscal Year 2006 Budget (H.Con.Res. 95)

Passed the House & Senate

One of the most fiscally conservative budgets in generations, it will restrain the growth of government and help reduce the deficit. Non-defense, non-homeland security, discretionary spending will be reduced by 0.8% in 2006.

Preparing NASA for the Future

As the Space Coast prepares for the Shuttle's return to flight, I remain committed to seeing the Vision for Space Exploration become a reality. The selection of Michael Griffin as the new NASA Administrator and this summer's Shuttle launch are key steps in advancing this vision. As a member of the House Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, I enjoy the privilege and responsibility of working with policy makers to shape the future of manned spaceflight. We must return to flight safely and shorten any transition window between the flyout of the Shuttle program and the initiation of the Crew Exploration Vehicle.

John McCain Visits Central Florida

In May, I had the pleasure of hosting Senator John McCain during his visit to Central Florida. During our time together, we toured several military modeling and simulation projects being developed in Central Florida by the Army's PEO-STRI, the Navy's NAVAIR and local high-tech firms and contractors. This demonstration was part of a larger effort to educate key policy makers about the importance and uniqueness of these facilities to Central Florida. After the tour, Senator McCain was my special guest at a town hall meeting I hosted on the University of Central Florida campus to talk to constituents about important issues before Congress and answer questions from the audience.



Rep. Feeney and Central Florida military leaders discuss Central Florida's military operations: Brig. Gen. Stephen Seay, Army PEO STRI; Capt. Stephen Burris, NAVAIR-Orlando; Col. David Votipka, Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation (AFAMS); Col. Walt Augustin, Marine Corps Program Manager for Training Systems; Commander Jeffery Brandt, U.S. Coast Guard Liaison.



Sen. McCain and Rep. Feeney discuss the military simulation technology being developed in Central Florida with Col. David Votipka and Col. Walt Augustin.

Obtain Your Free Credit Report

Last year as a member of the Financial Services Committee, I helped pass the Fair Credit Reporting Act. Included in this legislation is a provision that allows every American to annually obtain a free copy of their credit report from each of the major credit reporting agencies. Residents of Florida are now eligible to receive their free copies. Learning about your credit profile is an important part of saving for the future and protecting yourself from identity theft. To learn how to take advantage of this new offer visit <https://www.AnnualCreditReport.com> or call 1-877-322-8228. If you have additional questions, feel free to contact one of my district offices for assistance.